Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for price auditing in a supply chain management framework wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and an independent supply chain manager, comprising:

a)   the independent supply chain manager negotiating on behalf of the independent stores landed costs or negotiated markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the negotiated markup;

b)   the supply chain system computer collecting data from a plurality of independent stores of athe supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the comprising an amount of completed salessale of goods by the respective independent stores not made on the network on at least a daily basis;

c)   generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d)   the respective stores initiating the sending of the electronic order forms pertaining thereto to one or more of the distributors utilizing the network;

e)   receiving distributor invoices from the distributors at the supply chain system computer utilizing the network;

f)   calculating via a computer a price or a calculated markup for at least one of the goods utilizing at least one of the electronic order forms and/or at least one of the invoices; and

g)   the supply chain system computer comparing the price or the calculated markup for the at least one good to the landed cost or the negotiated markup for the good; andauditing the price

h)   generating a communication if the comparing step indicates a discrepancy.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the comparing step usesprice of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of priceslanded costs.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the storessupply chain system computer.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication is an electronic mail alert is-generated in response to the audit.

7.   (Currently amended) A system for price auditing in a supply chain management framework, wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and an independent supply chain manager, comprising:

an electronic storage; and

a set of processors that use the electronic storage and include among them the following logic elements

a)   logic for the independent supply chain manager negotiating on behalf of the independent stores landed costs or negotiated markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the negotiated markup;

b)   logic for the supply chain system computer collecting data from a plurality of independent stores of athe supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the comprising an amount of completed salessale of goods by the respective independent stores not made on the network on at least a daily basis;

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c)   logic for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d)   logic for <u>the respective stores initiating the</u> sending <u>of</u> the electronic order forms <u>pertaining thereto</u> to <u>one or more of</u> the distributors utilizing the network;

e)   logic for receiving <u>distributor</u> invoices ~~from the distributors~~ <u>at the supply chain system computer</u> utilizing the network;

f)   logic for calculating <u>via a computer</u> a price <u>or a calculated markup</u> for <u>at least one of</u> the goods utilizing <u>at least one of</u> the electronic order forms and<u>/or at least one of</u> the invoices; ~~and~~

g)   <u>logic for the supply chain system computer comparing the price or the calculated markup for the at least one good to the landed cost or the negotiated markup for the good; and</u>~~auditing the price~~

h)   <u>logic for generating a communication if the comparing step indicates a discrepancy.</u>

8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the <u>comparing step uses</u>~~price of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing~~ a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of ~~prices~~<u>landed cost</u>.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

11.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the ~~stores~~<u>supply chain system computer</u>.

12.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein <u>the communication comprises</u> an electronic mail alert ~~is~~ generated in response to the audit.

13. (Currently amended) A computer program product for price auditing in a supply chain management framework, wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and an independent supply chain manager, comprising:

a) the independent supply chain manager negotiating on behalf of the independent stores landed costs or negotiated markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the negotiated markup; and

a set of computer usable media having computer readable program code embodied therein to be executed by a computer, the computer readable program code comprising:

b) computer code for the supply chain system computer collecting data from a plurality of independent stores of ~~a~~the supply chain utilizing a network, the data ~~relating to the~~ comprising an amount of completed sales~~sale~~ of goods by the respective independent stores not made on the network on at least a daily basis;

c) computer code for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d) computer code for the respective stores initiating the sending of the electronic order forms pertaining thereto to one or more of the distributors utilizing the network;

e) computer code for receiving distributor invoices ~~from the distributors~~ at the supply chain system computer utilizing the network;

f) computer code for calculating via a computer a price or a calculated markup for at least one of the goods utilizing at least one of the electronic order forms and/or at least one of the invoices; ~~and~~

g) computer code for the supply chain system computer comparing the price or the calculated markup for the at least one good to the landed cost or the negotiated markup for the good; and~~auditing the price~~

h)   computer code for generating a communication if the comparing step indicates a discrepancy.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the comparing step uses~~price of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing~~ a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of ~~prices~~landed costs.

16.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

17.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the ~~stores~~supply chain system computer.

18.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the communication comprises an electronic mail alert ~~is~~ generated in response to the audit.